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Excise Police Arrest 14 in Gary

GARY, Ind. (July 6) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited one business and arrested 14 people on 26 charges in Gary this weekend.

Excise officers arrested 10 people on drug possession or dealing charges and took one gun off the streets. Other charges included:

- 3-Littering
- 2-Warrant Arrests
- 1-Possession of a Handgun Without Permit
- 1-Invasion of Privacy (Violation of Protective Order)
- 1-Open Container of Alcohol
- 1-Operator Never Licensed
- 2-Driving While Suspended

Excise officers conducting surveillance at Amerigas, 1501 Broadway Avenue, on Thursday evening arrested two men on drug-related charges and took a gun off Gary streets. Abdul Rahman-A Omar, 23, of Ann Arbor, Mich., was arrested on preliminary charges of maintaining a common nuisance, dealing in a lookalike substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a lookalike drug, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a handgun without a license. Mohamad Ali, 44, of Gary, was arrested on preliminary charges of maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Also on Thursday, officers observed Daurel L. Thomas, 28, of Terre Haute, throw trash from a Chevrolet Blazer near 15th and Whitcomb. As a result, Thomas was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana and invasion of privacy (violation of protection order). Thomas also had two Lake County warrants for Failure to Appear. Officers also ticketed Thomas for littering. The vehicle driver was cited for driving while suspended.

Grant Mobile, 2081 Grant Street, was cited for sale of single cigarettes. Grant Mobile has been cited three previous times for the same violation: March 11, 2010, Feb. 4, 2011, and Oct. 21, 2013. The store has also been cited previously for three other tobacco-related violations.

Officers also issued three warning tickets.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



Photo: Daurel L. Thomas, 28, of Terre Haute